



NEW LANTAO BUS CO. (1973) LTD.

新大嶼山巴士(一九七三)有限公司

A subsidiary of KWON CHUNG BUS HOLDINGS LIMITED 冠忠巴士集團有限公司附屬公司

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The Chairman
Legislative Council
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HONG KONG
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Dear Sir,

Motor Vehicles (First Registration Tax)
(Amendment) Bill 2011


New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited ("NLB") is one of the franchised public bus operators in Hong Kong, as at 30 September 2010, NLB was operating 23 franchised bus routes, mainly in Lantau Island and Northwest New Territories, with a fleet of 94 buses.

We are writing in support of the Motor Vehicles (First Registration Tax) (Amendment) Bill 2011 ("the Bill") as proposed in the Budget introduced by the Financial Secretary for the 2011-12 financial year, with the objective to control the growth of newly registered private cars and to ease traffic conditions in Hong Kong.

Private cars occupy space but with very low passenger capacity, increase in their number would inevitably result in heavier traffic congestions, especially along major corridors where public transport rely on for the carriage of much larger number of people. We would welcome any measures that could curb the increase of private cars, so that public buses with a much higher passenger capacity could provide their service more efficiently.

We submit the above in support of the Bill.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
NEW LANTAO BUS CO. (1973) LTD.


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